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SUBJ: BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS SITREP 59

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1. CHARGE RAISED THE QUESTION OF COMPANIES TAX PROBLEMS IN THE US IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ASHENHEIM (REFTELS), IN ORDER TO TEST THE GOVT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COMPANIES AT THAT CRITICAL JUNCTURE. THE TAX ISSUE IS ONE IN WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE GOJ TO BE EITHER VINDICTIVE OR GENEROUS TOWARDS THE COMPANIES DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THEM SINCE IT HAS NO COSTS FOR THE GOJ EITHER WAY. ASHENHEIM'S REPLY WAS, IN FACT, ILLUMINATIVE ON THIS SCORE. CHARGE DID NOT INDICATE THAT HIS QUESTION WAS IN ANY WAY A SIGNAL OR SUGGESTION, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE ASHENHEIM TOOK IT AS SUCH. AS DEPT KNOWS, ASHENHEIM PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAKING SOME CALCULATIONS FOR THE GOJ, BUT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM PROPERLY SPEAKING NOR WAS HE ACTIVE AT THE POLICY LEVEL.
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